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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/667,711	Applicant(s) STARZEWSKI ET AL.	
	Examiner Caixia Lu	Art Unit 1713	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-7,9,19 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8,10-18 and 21-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group III, claims 8, 10-18 and 21-26 in the Remarks filed on March 25, 2004 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there is no serious burden of search. This is not found persuasive because applicants did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, searches for the those Groups are not coextensive, therefore, undue burden does exist. The election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 8, 10-18 and 21-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ostoja-Starzewski et al. (US 6,353,064, hereinafter referred as Ostoja).

The instant claims are directed to a polymerization process for unsaturated monomers in the presence of a metallocene complex having at least one donor-acceptor between two of its ligands, wherein at least one of the ligand is fluorenyl ligand and at least one alkyl or aryl group on at least one acceptor atom.

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Ostoja teaches an olefin polymerization process in the presence of metallocene complex having one donor-acceptor between two of its ligands, see formulas (Ia) of col. 2, lines 35-40 and Examples 1-8. When Cpl or CplI of formula (Ia) is fluorenyl (col. 3, lines 49-50) and the acceptor group is alkylboranyl or arylboranyl (col. 12, lines 44-52), Ostoja's metallocene complex read on those metallocene complexes of the instant claims.

Thus, it would have been obvious to a skilled artisan at the time the invention was made to employ Ostoja's teaching to conduct olefin polymerization in the similar conditions as shown the working examples by replacing the metallocene complex with the metallocene complex Ia) wherein Cpl or CplI of formula (Ia) to be fluorenyl and acceptor group to be alkylboranyl or arylboranyl since such within the scope of Ostoja's teaching and expected to work and in the absence of showing criticality and unexpected result.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Caixia Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1106. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful and the matter is urgent, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached at (571) 272-1114. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1700.



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